

# **THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

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## **ENSURING RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS**

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation’s infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

### ***A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES***

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD’s recovery website at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

### ***B.1. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY***

(1) Activity Name: **HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION**

(2) Activity Narrative:

Montgomery County will use CDBG-R funds to conduct housing rehabilitation and weatherization for low-income homeowners in areas within the County most impacted by the recession and foreclosure crisis as part of a broad neighborhood targeted effort. Montgomery County has been operating a federally funded (augmented by state and local funds) housing rehabilitation and weatherization program for decades. Staff is knowledgeable and experienced and substantial effort has been invested in staying abreast of relevant technology and technique improvements and integrating them into the operation. Staff conducts property inspections, generates specific scopes of work to ensure all necessary components are addressed, assists homeowners in obtaining competitive bids for the work, monitors the construction and payment, and verifies all work specified has been completed in a professional manner.

Within 120 days of receiving CDBG-R funds, Montgomery County will implement a concentrated rehabilitation outreach program in the targeted Priority Areas, will begin accepting and processing income-eligible homeowner applications and writing Scope of Work bid documents for approved clients. All activities will be completed by September 30, 2012.

(3) Jobs Created: It is estimated this Activity will create 3 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs during the three year period of this funding (Total: Created = 3)

(4) Additional Activity Information: In addition to enabling homeowners to correct housing code violations, this activity will promote energy efficiency and make homes more affordable to low income homeowners through a comprehensive energy analysis of each property, followed by conducting all measures indicated including, but not limited to, air sealing and infiltration reduction, insulating, door and window upgrades, HVAC system upgrades or replacement, appliance upgrades or replacement to Energy Star or comparable standard, water heater insulation, etc.

(5) Responsible Organization: This activity will be carried out by Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs staff.

## ***B.2. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY***

(1) Activity Name: **POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- (2) Activity Narrative: Montgomery County will provide funding for “positive youth development” activities with priority given to youth residing in the focused neighborhood assistance areas, as described in the Community Development Block Grant-Recovery Program Draft Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan April 8, 2009, and in support of on-going, collaborative efforts to provide safe, quality and accessible out-of-school time programs for lower-income students at-risk of academic failure and/or gang involvement.

Within 120 days of receipt of CDBG-R funds, Montgomery County will enter into a contract with a non-profit provider to implement these activities. All activities will be completed by September 30, 2012.

- (3) Jobs Created: It is estimated this Activity will create 1.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs during the 3 year period of this funding. (Total: Created = 1.5)

- (4) Additional Activity Information: NA

- (5) Responsible Organization: This activity will be carried out by Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

### ***B.3. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY***

- (1) Activity Name: **CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) ACTIVITIES**
- (2) Activity Narrative:  
Montgomery County will use CDBG-R funds to design and implement CPTED activities to enhance public safety in neighborhoods impacted by the recession and foreclosure crisis. These activities will include addressing inadequate lighting and enhancing pedestrian safety by creating more visual access of public areas, enhancing overall community security.
- (3) Within 120 days of receipt of CDBG-R funds, Montgomery County will enter into a contract or contracts to begin these activities. All activities will be completed by September 30, 2012. Jobs Created: It is estimated this Activity will create 1.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs during the three year period of this funding. (Total: Created = 1.5).
- (4) Additional Activity Information: NA.
- (5) Responsible Organization: This activity will be carried out by Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

#### ***B.4. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY***

(1) Activity Name: **COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE**

(2) Activity Narrative:

Montgomery County will hire a term Housing Code Enforcement Inspector whose activities will be limited to specific neighborhoods most impacted by the recession and foreclosure crisis. This Inspector will conduct targeted intensive Housing Code enforcement activities and serve as a vehicle for referrals for low-income housing rehabilitation and weatherization projects where indicated. The concentrated enforcement activities will improve the visible image of these neighborhoods and assist in promptly identifying vacant and deteriorated properties for referral for appropriate action.

Within 120 days of receipt of CDBG-R funds, Montgomery County will hire a new full time code-enforcement inspector for the target areas and assign an experienced part time inspector to train and assist the new inspector.

(3) Jobs Created: This activity will create one FTE (full time equivalent) job for each of the 3 years of this funding and will retain .2 FTE job for the first year and .1 FTE job for the second and third year of funding. All activities will be completed by September 30, 2012. (Totals: Created=3, Retained = .4)

(4) Additional Activity Information: This activity will promote energy conservation through reduction of energy waste resulting from physical deterioration of homes and through proactive weatherization and rehabilitation efforts where applicable.

(5) Responsible Organization: This activity will be carried out by Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

### ***B.5. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY***

(1) Activity Name: **PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION**

(2) Activity Narrative:

Montgomery County will use up to 10% of its CDBG-R funds for Planning and Administration activities. These include program design, environmental review, contracting, monitoring, auditing, financial management, reporting, and compliance activities including federal Labor Standards, Section 3, etc. These actions are essential not only to ensure regulatory compliance but to achieve efficient and effective funding allocation and expenditure. All activities will be completed by September 30, 2012.

Planning and Administrative activities will begin within 120 days of receipt of CDBG-R funds.

(3) Jobs Created: One full time equivalent (FTE) job will be retained for each of the three years of this funding. (Total: Retained = 3)

(4) Additional Activity Information: NA

(5) Responsible Organization: This activity will be carried out by Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs staff.

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### ***C. PUBLIC COMMENT***

Provide a summary of public comments received to the proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

***Note:*** A Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment must be published via the usual methods and posted on the jurisdiction's website for no less than 7 calendar days for public comment.

Response:

No response received.